

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08442.0002-02000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Joseph C. CAUTHEN III) Group Art Unit: 3738
Application No.: 10/075,615) Examiner: Isabella, David J
Filed: February 15, 2002) Confirmation No.: 2841
For: SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)
RECONSTRUCTION METHOD)
AND SPINAL DISC ANNULUS)
STENT)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the personal interview of May 21, 2008.

Further to that interview, Applicant submits the requisite statement of the substance of the interview. An Interview Summary has not yet been issued.

During the interview, Applicant's representatives Eric Raciti and Elizabeth Burke discussed the Reply filed on October 12, 2007. Specifically, Applicant's representatives explained to Examiner Isabella that the sole independent claim, claim 21, had been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1, which the Examiner had previously indicated as allowable. The Examiner stated that he would update his search, and should no additional prior art be identified, issue a Notice of Allowance.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 20, 2008

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